

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Juan W. Straker*



**Sunrise**  
August 12, 1932

**Sunset**  
November 29, 2014

**Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
130 Main Street  
Orange, New Jersey  
**Rev. Edward A. Allen, Officiating**  
**Emory Lee, Organist**

## *Obituary*

**Ivan Wilfred Straker** was born to Sylvestrena (Sylla) C. Straker and James S. Lewis on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1932 in Georgetown, Guyana.

“Ivor” as he was known to relatives and boyhood friends, attended “Trinity Methodist Elementary School” and Progressive High School”.

Because of the early death of his mother, he lived in the cruel streets of Georgetown for years before he was rescued by Ms. Phyllis Babb. On his journey, he developed a love for the Sea and worked for Sprostons Ltd.

In 1964, Ivan immigrated to Montreal, Canada and in 1970, he later immigrated to Orange, New Jersey where he resided until his death.

Ivor Straker was one of the kindest people in this world, he assisted everyone that crossed his path and would have given the shirt off his back. He exhibited unusual care and compassion for his family and friends. He was strong and fair, determined but devoted.

He was diagnosed with an incurable disease many years ago, but he showed remarkable strength and courage when he continued to fight that valiant battle. In November 2012, everyone thought his fight was over when he was placed on life support with all of his organ shutting down. Again he showed the resilience, fortitude and his faith in God surviving even when everyone, including the doctors had given up hope and he came off life support over a year ago. He continued to fight his courageous battle before succumbing on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Ivor was preceded in death by his eldest son, Aubrey. He is survived by Ivor (Denzel), Lawrence, Roxanne (Pinkey) and Deryk; fourteen (14) grandchildren, fourteen (14) great grandchildren and Wendy who was like a daughter to him. He was also the brother of Vibert George and Alma Roberts. Friend of Cyril Mitchell, Maurice Jervis, David Collins, Albertha Lyte and Sybil Gordon among many others.

# Order of Service

Processional

Hymn  
“How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Hymn  
“Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Hymn  
“There Is A Green Hill”

Obituary

Hymn  
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional  
“Blessed Assurance”

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

## **Repast**

*You are invited to join the family for a repast at 132 William Street  
at 1:00 pm all are welcome to come.*

# *The Final Flight*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,*

*God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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